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Celebrate - March

Diantha Brown Installed as Pastor of First United UCC, Belvidere, TN March 14
Diantha Brown, formerly a member of Pleasant Hill Community Church, UCC, TN, was formally installed as the pastor of First United UCC, Belvedere, at 3:00 on March 14. The sanctuary was filled with visitors from across the Conference, with many well-wishers from Pleasant Hill. The charge to the pastor was given by Tom Warren, pastor of Pleasant Hill Community UCC, and the charge to the congregation by Barbara Everett, who was elected as the first woman president of the consistory of First United over 20 years ago. Conference Minister Tim Downs preached the sermon.

Leslie Etheredge Installed as Associate Minister of Church of the Savior, UCC, Knoxville on March 7
Leslie Etheredge, a graduate of Memphis Theological Seminary and formerly a member of First Congregational UCC, Memphis, was installed as association minister for education and youth at Church of the Savior UCC, Knoxville, on March 7.

Southeast Conference Youth Ministry Leaders to go to Cleveland in April
The national office of the United Church of Christ is hosting a church-wide meeting of youth ministry leaders at the church headquarters in April. The Southeast Conference is proud to send some of our gifted youth ministry leadership to be a part of this trip. Going from our conference are Louellen Benton from Holy Trinity Community UCC, Nashville, Ginnie Ferrell, from Central Congregational UCC, Atlanta, Aaron Carter, from Victory Church UCC, Stone Mountain, and Heidi Schuler, from Pilgrimage UCC, Marietta, GA.

Roy Bain of Lanett Congregational Christian Church Prepares for Retirement in April
Roy Bain celebrated his nineteen years of ministry at the Congregational Christian Church of Lanett at a tea held on March 21st. At the tea, the conference and association together presented gifts recognizing Roy's leadership shared with the United Church of Christ through the years. Wanda and Roy Bain have built a home in North Alabama to which they will retire.

Jim Deming, Nashville, Called to National UCC Position
We just received word that Jim Deming, Interim Pastor at First United UCC, Nashville, has received a call to serve as the Minister for Environmental Justice for the United Church of Christ. Our congratulations to Jim on the occasion of this call. Prior to serving First United as interim, Jim had served as interim minister at Brookmeade Congregational UCC, Nashville.

Associations of the Southeast Conference Look Ahead to New Ways of Authorizing Ministries
The Georgia-South Carolina and Alabama-Tennessee Associations are beginning to

live into new ways of preparing candidates for licensed and ordained ministries. The process called "Multiple Paths to Ministry" invites candidates for ministry to become "members in discernment" as opposed to the former category of students in care. The process allows for the recognition of a candidate's experience and education in their entirety to be considered as a part of preparation to ministry, and not simply work on a Masters of Divinity degree. Currently one candidate in the Alabama-Tennessee Association has been accepted as a member in discernment for recognition of ordination. This candidate is Cynthia Andrews-Looper, pastor of Holy Trinity Community, UCC in Nashville. In addition, two candidates in Alabama have expressed an interest in being accepted as members in discernment. In the Georgia-South Carolina Association, two candidates have already completed this process toward ordination, Andy Sidden and Candace Chellew-Hodges of Garden of Grace UCC, Columbia SC. In addition, three other candidates have been accepted as members in discernment.
They are as follows:
> **Jennifer Spears** of Garden of Grace UCC, Columbia, as she seeks a license for ministry
> **Bryan Edney**, of Victory Church, Stone Mountain, GA, who is preparing to enroll in Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, preparing for ordination
> **Diane Bowden**, of Rush Memorial UCC, Atlanta, GA who is enrolling at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta.

Donna Paperhausen Transfers into Georgia-South Carolina Association
The request of Donna Paperhausen, a member of Pilgrimage UCC, to transfer her ordained ministerial standing from Florida to the Georgia-South Carolina Association was accepted on March 13th. Prior to Florida she was active in the Connecticut Conference. She will continue on leave of absence from ministry.

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